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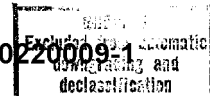
**SUBJECT: Proposed Trip of Congressman Teague and
Party to South Vietnam**

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1. While on my trip and in the company of Mr. Dick Shade, Veterans Administration, I learned that Congressman Teague, Texas Democrat, Veterans Administrator Mr. Drive and his Special Assistant, Mr. Bill Stinson (LBJ's man) were planning a trip to Southeast Asia, specifically South Vietnam, and to Paris, where they will visit the Air Show. This took place last Monday, 24 April. On the 26th of April in a conversation with Mr. Shade on the subject of Teague's proposed trip, he informed me that they are working on the itinerary now. They are planning on briefings by Mr. Komer, possibly the JCS, by CINCPAC, and, of course, with appropriate officials in Saigon. The question was raised at a very low key about the Agency briefing Congressman Teague and party. On this same date I spoke to Mr. Colby on this subject, and he indicated he preferred this to be kept in the proper channels, that is the legislative liaison counsel, and suggested I make this known to John Warner. Accordingly, I proceeded to go and converse with [redacted] who is a member of Warner's staff. He has the ball at the present time and we agreed that we would keep each other informed.

2. On the 27th of April 1967, in a conversation with Dick Shade, I learned that Congressman Teague and party's trip as cited above has White House approval and the itinerary for the trip has been agreed upon by Congressman Teague and members of his party and will be submitted to the White House for final approval. It has not been determined as to what agency of the Government will act as the host for Teague and his party, and it could well take the form of a Presidential party. Another member has been added to Teague's party; he is Ted Connell, Democrat of Texas and a very close personal friend of LBJ.

3. The tentative itinerary: Teague and party to arrive in Honolulu - 21 May 1967
Hong Kong - 23, 24 May
Saigon - 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 May
Cairo - 30 and 31 May
Paris - 31 May and 1 and 2 June

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4. Plans and support of Teague's trip included briefings in Washington by Komer's office, U. S. Marines, JCS (Gen. DePuy), and CIA (FE Division). This will require White House approval.

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Ambassador Lock, incidentally, is a very good friend of Congressman Teague.

5. Teague hopes to have all his Saigon briefings out of the way upon his first day in Saigon so that the remainder of his time can be spent visiting the I, III, and IV Corps. He desires the briefings to be held to small groups.

Special Assistant to Chief,

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